

For the Children.

Only a Little Sparrow.

I am only a little sparrow,
A bird of low degree,
My life is of little value,
But the dear Lord careth for me.

He gave me a coat of feathers,
It is very plain I know,
With never a speck of crimson,
For it was not made for show.

But it keeps me warm in winter,
And shields me from the rain;
Were it bordered in gold or purple,
Perhaps it would make me vain.

I have no barn or store-house,
I neither sow nor reap;
God gives me a sparrow's portion,
But never a seed to keep.

If my meal is sometimes scanty,
Close pecking makes it sweet;
I have always enough to keep me,
And, "life is more than meat."

I know there are many sparrows;
All over the world were found;
But our Heavenly Father knoweth,
When one of us falls to the ground.

Though small we are never forgotten;
Though weak, we are never afraid;
For we know that our Lord keepeth,
The life of the creatures he made.

I fly through the thickest forest;
I light on many a spray;
I have no chart or compass,
But I never miss my way.

And I fold my wings at twilight,
Wherever I happen to be;
For the Father is always watching,
And no harm can come to me.

I am only a little sparrow,
A bird of low degree;
But I know the Father loves me—
Have you less faith than me?

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visited a city; and as he surveyed the different structures he noticed by the date that one of the buildings had stood much longer than any of the others. Upon inquiring of his guide as to the cause, he received the answer, "That is a secret." He disclosed it however, and now what was it? Who will answer?

AUNT LAURA.

Wheat or Chaff.

Two men stood at the same table in a large factory in Philadelphia working at the same trade. Having an hour for their nooning every day, each undertook to use it in accomplishing a definite purpose; each persevered for about the same number of months, and each won success at last. One of these mechanics used his daily leisure hour in working out the invention of a machine for sawing wood into almost any desired shape. When his invention was complete he sold the patent for a fortune, changed his workman's apron for a broadcloth suit, and moved out of a tenement house into a brown-stone mansion.

The other man—what did he do? Well he spent an hour each day during most of a year in the very difficult undertaking of teaching a little dog to stand on his hind feet and dance a jig, while he played the tune. At last accounts he was working ten hours a day at the same trade and at his same old wages, and finding fault with the fate that made his fellow-workman rich while leaving him poor. Leisure minutes may bring golden grain to mind as well as to purse, if one invests in wheat instead of chaff.—PRESBYTERIAN.

A True Hero.

You boys don't want to be braves. You want to be heroes like Sir Samuel Baker and Chinese Gordon. Let us then try to find out what true bravery is, and how a boy may be brave.

Dr. Thomas Arnold was sent to a boarding-school when twelve years old. His mother taught him to kneel by his bedside every night and pray. He was put into a dormitory with forty or fifty other boys. Some were bad boys, and the rest were cowards. But Thomas was no coward. In the midst of the noise and confusion he quietly knelt down by his cot to say his prayers. "See that little Pharisee," cried a big bully, and threw his pillow at him. The rest followed suit, for they were afraid of the bully. Forty pillows were hurled at the brave young Christian. But he finished his prayer, and without a word of rebuke or remonstrance went to bed. This was repeated night after night. At length the boys who had been taught

to pray at home mustered courage, one by one, to imitate Arnold's example, and in less than a month that dormitory was as quiet at bedtime as a church. The boys who did not pray themselves were compelled to respect the rights of those who did. Here we see the test and triumph of true courage. That boy dared to do right. And by his patient continuance in well-doing he conquered. He was a hundred-fold more of a hero on his knees, amid a shower of pillows, than a soldier on a battle field amid a shower of bullets. The soldier is excited by the novelty of the scene. He thinks, too that he may escape, since only a certain percentage falls in a battle. But young Arnold had nothing to excite and sustain him but his faith in God. He knew that every scoff and every pillow was aimed at him. He was naturally sensitive and felt keenly the injustice and cruelty of school-fellows. And yet he never flinched. No wonder that he grew up a grand man, one of the noblest teachers of the young that the world has ever seen.

Dear Editor: I thought I would try and write a few lines in the children's column. I like to read the children's letters. My pa and ma belong to the Brethren church. I have three brothers. I went to school last winter; I don't know whether I will go to school this summer or not. I am at my uncle's tonight. My pa and ma went to meeting at Euon. I had a splendid time on Easter. I will try and write better next time. Alice E. Klingaman. Waterloo, Iowa, April 5th.

We were much pleased with your letter, Alice. Hope you may write again. Glad that you are so much interested in the children's column. Ask all your little schoolmates to write for the children's department, and that way we can make it interesting for all.

Dear Editor: I thought I would try and write a letter for the children's column. I was at church at Hudson today. Rev. S. H. Bashor preached to a large congregation. I went to school last winter; my teacher's name was Mr. J. Vaughn. Pa and ma belong to the Brethren church. My pa teaches school. I have three sisters and five brothers. I stay at Mr. Shank's. I hope all the little folks enjoyed their Easter. Good-by. LIBBIE E. CROWNOVER. Waterloo, Iowa.

That is right, Libbie, write often for the children's column. We all love to read letters from the little children. Hope that you love your brothers and sisters and are kind to them. We would be pleased to have all the little boys and girls to write and tell us how they enjoyed their Easter.

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Akron.....	3 11	11 50pm	11 43	7 15
Kent.....	3 35	12 45	12 10am	8 40
Ravenna.....	3 45		12 22	8 13
Arrive.				
Leavittsburg.....	4 20		1 00am	9 00
Cleveland.....	6 30			
Youngstown.....	5 00	2 40		9 55
Pittsburgh.....	7 50	5 55	12 45pm	
Warren Dp.....	4 32	1 12	9 13am	
Greenville.....	5 37	2 30	10 27	
Arrive.				
Meadville.....	6 30	3 25	11 25	
Leave.				
Meadville.....	6 45	3 35		
Union City.....	7 38	4 37	12 50pm	
Corry.....	7 58	5 00	1 15	
Johnstown.....	8 47	5 57	2 12	
Arrive.				
Salamanca.....	9 45	7 10	3 15	
Buffalo.....		10 00am	5 45	
Niagara Falls.....		11 50	8 15	
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Leave.				
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Mansfield.....	8 35	9 00	2 30	7 10
Arrive.				
Chicago.....		7 50am		
Leave.				
Gallion.....	9 17	9 50pm	3 05	8 05
Marion.....	9 38	10 30	3 40	
Arrive.				
Chicago.....	8 05pm	8 20am		
Leave.				
Urbana.....	11 39	1 00am	5 03	
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Arrive.				
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